Memorandum for the File

On September 20, 1976, I telephoned Philip Manuel, Chief Investigator of the Senate Investigating Committee, a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Government Operations (phone: 224-3721) and inquired whether he had provided information to the Memphis Police Department on April 4, 1968, concerning a threat on the life of Memphis police officer Edward E. Redditt.

Mr. Manuel stated that in 1968 the committee was investigating riots and civil disorder and he did have some contact with the Memphis Police Department at that time. But, he has no present recollection of making a call and furnishing information to them about a threat on Redditt's life. Mr. Manuel agreed to search his records, some of which may be in the Archives, and will let me know if he finds anything. However, if he should find the information, he said we would have to follow Senate Rule 30 before it could be released. (A formal request from the AG or DAG and approval by the committee and/or full Senate).

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Manuel telephoned me and indicated that he had searched their indices and did not find the name "Edward E. Redditt", which would mean that a memorandum was not written. He said, however, he had requested some other material from the Archives which may contain the information. He will call me on Friday, September 24, 1976.

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